

MINUTES–CITY OF ASHTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

7:00 p.m.

714 Main (North Entrance)

*The purpose of the Agenda is to assist the Council and interested citizens in the conduct of the public meeting. Careful review of the Agenda is encouraged. Testimony from the public will be solicited for any item or issue listed under the category of **Public Hearings**. The Mayor will not normally allow audience participation at any other time. Idaho Law prohibits council action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance.*

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

PRAYER OFFERED BY: Tom Mattingly
PLEDGE LED BY: Tadd Atchley

In Attendance: Teddy Stronks, Teresa Hansen, Tadd Atchley, Jerry Funke and Tom Mattingly.

Also, in attendance: City Clerk Stegelmeier, P&Z Administrator Bowersox, City Attorney Sam Angell, Michelle O'Malley, Nancy Bergman, John Scafe, Jon Kaelberer, Sheryl Hill, Marvin Fielding and Lisa Smith.

Mayor Stronks opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

1. CONSENT AGENDA: **ACTION ITEM**

Being considered routine by the City Council, these items will be enacted by one motion unless requested by a Councilman or a citizen that one or more items be removed for later discussion.

- A. **Minutes** – Approval of Meeting Minutes 10-09-2019, ~~Special Meetings 8-28-2019~~
- B. **Treasurers Report** - As Submitted
- C. **Payables** – Bills for Council approval as a result of City expenditures
- D. **Employee Expenses** – As submitted

Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

2. PUBLIC HEARING:

Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.

- A. Ashton Resolution 19-03 – Updated Garbage Rate Schedule

Mayor Stronks opened the hearing called those who had signed in to speak.

Sheryl Hill, 308 Highland, Ashton, Idaho. Sheryl explained that she has five items she would like to include in her testimony. The first is that Idaho Code states that no fee increase above 5% is allowed unless there is a public hearing. In the minutes of the October meeting read that the City Council voted to raise rates already. The September City Council meetings say that the City Council voted to extend the PSI contract with very little information and there was not even a pricing matrix included in the proposed extension – only a presentation from Jeremy Harris of PSI. Sheryl went on to say that she had submitted a public record request to ask for a pricing matrix. She did receive it, but it had not been signed. She went on to speak about projecting the pricing out as well as the use of the fees.

Mayor Stronks asked if anyone else would like to testify.

Public comment period ended at 7:11 pm.

3. ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION:

- A. Ashton Resolution 19-03 – Updated Garbage Rate Schedule – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
Jeremy Harris of PSI explained that he had announced in September that there was going to be a

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price increase but was not sure at the price at that time. At that meeting the Council was just discussing extending the contract. The pricing is in front of the Council now and is set from the raises at the local landfills.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept Ashton Resolution 19-03 as presented. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Ashton Amended Ordinance 478-19 – Annexation – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Attorney Angel explained that the Idaho State Tax Commission is the agency which looks over the legal descriptions for the annexations. The Tax Commission would not accept the legal description as given to the City by the applicant. The applicant has supplied the City with an updated legal description and map that should satisfy the requirements. This is not a substantive change to this ordinance, so it is an amended ordinance and does not require a public hearing.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to read the City of Ashton Ordinance 478-19 by title only and dispense with the second and third readings. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Atchley read the ordinance into the record.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to that Ashton City Ordinance 478-19 be approved and published. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS/PETITIONS:

Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.

- A. Wine/Beer License at Family Dollar Store – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier reported that the Family Dollar Store has applied for a license to sell packaged wine and beer. They have supplied the State and County licenses as well as a check for the correct amount as required.

Councilman Funke made a motion to approve wine and beer licenses for the Family Dollar Store. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Eagle Scout Projects – Zach Pilgrim, Blake Cox **ACTION ITEM**
Zach Pilgrim would like to propose building two picnic tables for the City Building courtyard. He is asking the City to purchase the materials for the project at \$215.59 plus some more stain that will be needed. Councilwoman Hansen asked when the tables would be completed. Zach said it should be soon – he is working with the scouts again next week to get them done. Councilman Atchley thinks this will be a good project.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$215.59 plus more stain in building two tables for the City courtyard. Councilman Mattingly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Blake Taylor would like to propose building dog ramps and other equipment for the Visitor Center park. There are many visitors who stop and walk their dogs at the park and a dog area makes a lot of sense. Blake is still working and figuring out the costs, etc. that will be necessary. It will be made to disassemble for the winter – he has been working with Michele (the City Parks & Rec Operator) on the project. Councilman Hansen asked if Blake would figure out his plans and bring prices back to the December council meeting.

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- C. Light Pole Banners/Lights – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Michele Smith **ACTION ITEM**
Michele explained that the Main Street Christmas lights were not looking so great. She has ordered some banners to replace the garland and lights on the poles. She would like to get some lights called banner enhancers that would go along with the banners but they are more expensive so she will be looking to get help from some local businesses/companies. She has already spoken to Bank of Idaho and Ashton Urban Renewal.
- D. Senior Citizen Van – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier explained that the guys feel that they are running out of space. City Councilman Atchley directed her to have the guys call Blair Jones to discuss having the van parked in the County facility. Mayor Stronks said he would be willing to speak to the County Commissioners if necessary.

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.

- A. Multi-Purpose Court Update – Mayor Stronks **ACTION ITEM**
Mayor Stronks explained that he has asked 3H Construction to remove the old courts. The site manager for the tennis court company has been over and staked the property. Moving the court was discussed and City Attorney Angel explained that there would need to be legal descriptions and papers signed prior to construction. Mayor Stronks will continue to work on getting the project completed. To date there is over \$104,000 from grants and donations to complete the project.
- B. Wastewater Project Update – City Clerk Stegelmeier, Marvin Fielding, Jaden Jackson **ACTION ITEM**
Marvin explained that at the construction meeting the contractor explained that they are finishing some asphalt patching and then would like to wrap up for this fall. They are at about 80% completion and would like to request a winter shutdown. They will have 4 to 6 weeks of work left to complete in the spring. Marvin brought a change order to Council for consideration. Each item on the change order has been reported but this order lists them out. There were five extra connections, railroad crossing expedite fee of \$3000, a French drain on 8th Street \$9752 and a 30 days extension for rock work. Councilman Funke asked if the City would have to pay further mobilization fees with the shutdown. Marvin replied no. There will be some more rock removal, etc. as they work down Pacific Avenue and 3rd Street. At this time, the rock removal stands at 1,112 feet or approximately \$116,000. With the extended schedule the Keller Associates contract will need to extend. Marvin is requesting that the Council allow time and materials be taken out of the resident representative budget part of the contract and move it to construction administration to finish this project out in the spring.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept the change order as presented. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Councilman Atchley made a motion to take out budget in the resident representative and move it to the construction budget. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Sidewalk Grant Discussion - City Clerk Stegelmeier, Marvin Fielding, Jaden Jackson **ACTION ITEM**
Marvin reported that the sidewalk project grant application was submitted. The comments will be back in mid-December. Corrections can then be made, and the final application is due in February.
- D. Comprehensive Plan Update – P&Z Administrator Bowersox **ACTION ITEM**
P&Z Administrator Bowersox explained that she has spoken to the P&Z Commission and they have decided to have some town hall meetings to start the update of the comprehensive plan. The next step will be a survey of the residents, then moving on to the public hearings as required by code.

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Administrator Bowersox would like to have a first town hall meeting in December. It would be a get together at the community center. It would be a town hall meeting - an open and back and forth discussion, not a regimented process. To avoid having a quorum the council would need to split and have only 2 council members at each town hall meeting. The Council discussed dates, etc. Administrator Bowersox will get with them on dates, etc.

E. Election Results – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the election results with the Mayor and Council.

F. City Surplus Sale – City Clerk Stegelmeier **ACTION ITEM**
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the bids for the surplus sale with the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept the bids for the surplus items. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

6. REGULAR BUSINESS/EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

A. Scheduling – City Clerk Stegelmeier
City Clerk Stegelmeier went over the scheduling with the Mayor and Council.

7. COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Councilmembers will bring items to be discussed with the other Councilmembers & Mayor. No action should be taken on these items as they have not been specifically listed on the agenda.

Dan Garz has spoken with City Clerk Stegelmeier and needs to have the City look at a solution for the storm water site.

Councilman Funke explained that there are a lot of dogs running loose. His neighbors let them loose in the morning.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Atchley made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ Council 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, December 11, 2019 Council Chambers, Ashton City Building – 714 Main, Ashton.
- ◆ Questions concerning items appearing on these Agendas or requests for accommodation of special needs to participate in the meetings should be addressed to the Office of the City Clerk or call 208-652-3987.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stegelmeier, City Clerk.

Attest

Cathy Stegelmeier
City Clerk

Theo R. Stronks
Mayor